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TAGS: SREF, RH, SF FROST, DAVID TIMOTHY TORBET

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM

REF: PRETORIA 5282

1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE MR. FROST HAS A VALID CLAIM FOR ASYLUM. MR. FROST ALLEGES THAT HE WAS ARRESTED AT LEAST EIGHT TIMES IN RHODESIA BECAUSE OF HIS OUTSPOKEN OPPOSITION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF IAN SMITH IN RHODESIA. IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT THE MAIN REASON WHY HE WAS ARRESTED WAS FOR MAKING A NUINANCE OF HIMSELF IN PUBLIC WHILE DRINKING. THERE ARE REPORTEDLY NO OUTSTANDING CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

2. PRIME MINISTER SMITH HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE RE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEASE OF DETAINEES IN RHODESIA WITH THE STIPULATION THAT

THEY CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A PEACEFUL MANNER. THEREFORE, THERE IS NOTHING TO SUPPORT MR. FROST'S CONTENTION THAT HIS FEAR OF PERSECUTION IS WELL-FOUNDED.

3. WE BELIEVE MR. FROST'S REQUEST IS ECONOMICALLY MOTIVATED RATHER THAN POLITICALLY, SINCE HE HAS INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR RETURNING TO THE U.S. FOR WORK PURPOSES AS HIS FUTURE IN EITHER RHODESIA OR SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT SEEM VERY PROMISING.

4. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT MR. FROST WOULD HAVE ANY

DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING A BRITISH CONCESSIONARY PASSPORT IF HE WERE TO RETURN TO THE UK AS A PERMANENT RESIDENT. ALSO, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT HE COULD TRAVEL TO SWITZERLAND, PORTUGAL, THE BLS STATES, GREECE, ISRAEL, FRANCE, OR MALAWI AND APPLY FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA TO ENTER THE U.S. IF HIS SISTER IS, IN FACT, A U.S. CITIZEN, HE COULD APPLY FOR A 5TH PREFERENCE VISA AT ONE OF THESE POSTS.

5. ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED, WE ARE UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT MR. FROST WOULD SUFFER PERSECUTION ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL OPINION, OR MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP SHOULD HE RETURN TO RHODESIA. SHOULD MR. FROST PRESENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH SEEMS TO REQUIRE FURTHER REVIEW, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE CASE. INGERSOLL

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